ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A user input device for electronic devices particularly hand held, pocket sized portable electronic devices and mobile cellular telephones is disclosed. The user input device includes an elongated element that nests within a recess in the surface of the electronic device and has a size and shape conforming to the surface contour to form a part of the surface in the region of the recess. The elongated element in a second configuration extends from the surface of the electronic device wherein the user input device is operable as a joystick.